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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.
Claims 2-11, and 13-21 are now pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as noted on Page 2 of the Office Action. A Transmittal of Replacement Sheets of Corrected Formal Drawings accompanies this Reply, in which Fig. 5 and Fig. 12 have been amended to designate Figs. 5A and 5B and Fig. 12C.

Further, the specification has been amended to refer to the newly-designated Figs. 5A, 5B, and 12C.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 12-13, 15-17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hecht et al., U.S. 6,176,131, (Hecht).

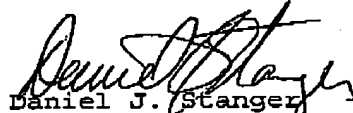
Claims 1 and 12 have been canceled; Claims 4, 8-9, 14 and 18-19 have been rewritten in independent form; and Claims 2-3, 5-7, 13, 15-17, and 20-21 have been amended to be dependent on one of the independent claims. Thus, the Applicants believe that all claims now contain subject matter deemed allowable in the Office Action.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejections, and allowance of the claims.

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